

## OVER 1000 FEET DEEP IN CABLE COVE

### Permanency of Values Found In the California Tunnel.

The long crosscut tunnel that was started in January to cut the main vein of the California group broke into a body of good ore after running 1068 feet. Several smaller ore bodies were encountered, but the tunnel was continued until the main vein was cut. Drifting will now be started on the veins and in a few weeks they will have many thousand tons of ore ready for treating. The mine was purchased one year ago for \$40,000 and today has over \$400,000 worth of ore in sight.

While this tunnel has been proving the California mine, it has also proven the other mines located in the same mountain, including the Overland, Imperial and Red Chief, but probably having a more direct bearing on the Overland than the others, as the character of ore found in the Overland and the general formation is similar to that in the California. The Overland has three parallel veins that can be cut at great depth with a 600-foot crosscut tunnel from the California main tunnel. These veins have been thoroughly explored, the ore shoots located, and all that remains to make a mine of the Overland is the running of the 600-foot crosscut tunnel.

The Imperial mine, also adjoining the California, is taking out some very fine ore from the main tunnel, and Superintendent Paul is so well pleased with the showing that he has ordered a sinking plant and will start sinking at once.

With the large bodies of high grade ores being opened up in the Cable Cove, it is naturally attracting much attention from local mining men and all concede that as soon as the local smelter gets running, sometime in December, the Cove will be the greatest producer of any section in this district.

### LOOKING FOR OIL IN OREGON.

#### Forty Thousand Dollars Spent Thus Far In the Search.

About \$40,000 has been expended in sinking for oil in Oregon thus far, and although no flowing wells have yet been struck, the promoters are in good spirits over the prospects.

The Hirschberg well, near Monmouth, in Polk county, has given its owners considerable encouragement by its exhibit of a good quality of crude petroleum at a depth of 700 feet. At that depth it was decided to "ream out" the well to a diameter of 7 1/2 inches and put casing in to stop the flow of water from mixing with the oil, but the working party met with a common accident in the sinking of deep wells—tools were dropped to the bottom and so delay is encountered in the endeavor to grapple and extract them.

In Malheur county progress has been slow in sinking, although indications are considered good. A depth of 800 feet had been attained near Vale, when sickness among the men and other incidental causes put a temporary stop to the work. Portland people are large stockholders in this enterprise and capital is not lacking to push the wells to a depth of 2500 feet or further if necessary. H. V. Gates, of Hillsboro, is president of this organization.

The Ashland well is down 1900 feet and operations have ceased from lack of capital. The indications of oil in the vicinity are considered good by experts who have examined the strata and sur-

roundings.

At Newberg, Oliver Churchill, a well-known fruitgrower, has a well down 1000 feet, with oil shale and drippings of petroleum. This bore is nine inches in diameter, and has been cased for a depth of 400 feet, to keep the water out. The crew at this well has only been working three months and the showing is considered excellent. Mr. Churchill is prepared to go 2500 feet if necessary in search of a good flow.

The Troutdale well is down 420 feet, but operations have been suspended for some time owing to slow sale of stock. Experts agree that good indications prevail in that portion of Multnomah county. The appliances used in sinking this well are now at work at Newberg, and will not be brought back until the well in Yamhill county has been finished.

If crude oil is found in the Willamette valley in good quantity a revolution is expected in the fuel supply of Portland, and both wood, coal and sawdust will have to take a back seat in the furnaces of the various manufactories, locomotives and large buildings, according to D. M. Watson, an oil expert, who was spoken to today on the subject. Mr. Watson has no doubt of the existence of large bodies of oil underlying western Oregon, and he looks forward with confidence to oil discoveries of considerable magnitude in the near future.—Telegram.

#### Crowds Going to the Circus.

An unusual degree of local interest has been aroused by the announcement that Ringling Bros.' famous big circus is to exhibit in Baker City Wednesday, August 16. Several big excursions will go from this vicinity, and local people will be well represented at the big show. Those who go from here should make every effort to arrive in time to see the magnificent new free street parade, which takes place in the morning, preceding the opening performance. The procession is divided into thirty enormous sections, each of which is a complete parade, and presents in its entirety a bewilderingly magnificent two-mile carnival of pageantry, such as the world has never seen. In this gorgeous display are shown over 100 beautiful dens and cages of wild animals, 500 horses, thirty elephants and nearly a thousand people, and the costumes throughout are of the finest silks, satins and cloth of gold. The performance that follows is the most magnificent arene display ever presented by any circus in America. It is entirely new this year, and its novelty and magnitude have created a sensation wherever the show has exhibited.

#### Bear Plentiful at Susanville.

H. L. Briggs, formerly of Weston, but now of Walla Walla, was in town Monday evening on his way from Susanville, where he has been developing placer

claims in which he and his brother are interested. Mr. Briggs says Susanville is lively and forging to the front right along. In speaking of game in the Susanville country, Mr. Briggs said bear were very plentiful and some deer had been seen. Huckleberries are beginning to ripen and the bear are following them down into the lower country. Later on, when the haws ripen, he said, the bear would all come from the higher part of the country into the river and creek bottoms and would then be quite plentiful.—East Oregonian.

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